

General Information Sheet for Algebra 1A and 1B

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Grading Policy: Per quarter, grades will be calculated on the following **weighted** percentages:

Tests/quizzes -- 65%

TAPS (Team Approach to Problem Solving) -- 20%

Classwork and Homework -- 15%

Individual Tests are announced (quizzes can be announced or unannounced).

TAPS are team assessments given after each chapter.

Classwork includes homework quizzes, participation quizzes, and in-class group assignments.

To determine a final course grade, all quarter grades (20%) are averaged with the midterm (10%) and final (10%). **Individual extra credit will not be considered.**

Retaking Assessments

Students have the opportunity to retest individual chapter tests after coming after school for help and completing review problems. Time frame for re-test is 10 school days from date the test is returned. (Includes review day and re-take day). The retest will be the new recorded grade.

The Math department will revisit and perhaps revise this practice after the first marking period.

Homework Policy:

Homework is a method of reinforcement and will be assigned daily. It serves as a reinforcement of skills; therefore, it will be checked EVERY DAY. Students **MUST** make-up homework assignments when they are absent or forget to do their homework the night before. Missed homework assignments can be made up for $\frac{1}{2}$ credit by the Friday of that week.

NOTE: If you leave out any problems or don't show work, then this is considered incomplete.

Homework is done in the notebook unless otherwise stated.

Absence Policy: If a student is absent, then he or she has the responsibility to make up missed work. Students have the number of days they were absent to make-up the homework. Students are responsible for showing the teacher your completed work.

Necessary Materials:

- TI-84 Plus** (TI-83 Plus also acceptable) graphing calculator (required) with four spare AAA batteries
- 2 inch binder with dividers
- $\frac{1}{4}$ inch graph paper notebook with 3 holes (to keep in binder)
- Loose leaf paper (to keep in binder)
- Sharpened pencils and erasers
- Ruler
- Colored pencils

Each page of the graph paper notebook should include the date, classwork, and homework (with the appropriate work and corrected answers).

Class Rules:

- 1) Lateness will not be tolerated. If a student is late for class, he/she must have a late pass signed by a teacher.
- 2) Students should work from bell to bell.
- 3) Follow directions the first time. If you need clarification, just ask!
- 4) Respect classroom environment and all school and classroom rules.
- 5) Students should not abuse their bathroom privileges.
- 6) Remember to ask for permission for just about everything.
- 7.) Cell phones **may not be out or used during class**

Cheating:

All students are expected to do their own work. Cheating is a serious offense and result in a zero and a disciplinary referral.

Cell phones are strictly prohibited during tests and quizzes. If the cell phone is out, visible, or touched/looked at the student will automatically receive a zero . . . no exceptions.

Other information: Additional help/tutoring is available with the teacher or the National Honor Society Tutors, please make arrangements with the teacher.

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To confirm that this has been read and understood by a parent or guardian, please email me back with your child's name and class period in the subject line.